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SUBJ: ECONADS: POSSIBLE DECLASSIFICATION AND USE OF COUNCIL  
DOCUMENTS ON SOV/EE ECONOMIC ISSUES

REF: (A) USNATO 326 (B) STATE 16843 (C) USNATO 403

SUMMARY: AT THE JAN. 27 ECONADS MEETING, US REP RESERVED  
APPROVAL OF DECLASSIFICATION OF ED/EC/77/2 AND REITERATED  
USG POSITION ON NECESSITY OF PRIOR NATIONAL REVIEW AND  
APPROVAL BEFORE DOCUMENTS ARE DECLASSIFIED. NO DECISION WAS  
MADE REGARDING THE DECLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS LISTED IN ITEM  
IV OF AGENDA (REF C). AT REQUEST OF SEVERAL REPS, BILLY  
WILL SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM SECURITY DIVISION ON PROPER  
CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS AFTER THEIR DECLASSIFICATION.  
END SUMMARY.

1. US REP COMPLIED WITH INSTRUCTIONS (REF B) BY RESERVING  
US APPROVAL OF THE DECLASSIFICATION OF ED/EC/77/2, SOVIET  
DEFENSE EXPENDITURE, AND STRESSING THAT NATIONAL REVIEW AND  
APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED ECONADS STUDIES MUST PRECEDE UNCLASSIFIED  
ISSUANCE. CHAIRMAN BILLY NOTED THAT A CORRIGENDUM  
RAISING TO CONFIDENTIAL THE CLASSIFICATION OF EC/EC/77/2  
HAD BEEN CIRCULATED. HE AGAIN REGRETTED THE MISTAKE  
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AND SAID THAT STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT  
PROPER PROCEDURES WOULD BE FOLLOWED IN THE FUTURE.

2. THE CANADIAN AND FRENCH REPS SUGGESTED THAT THE  
ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM THE NATO  
SECURITY DIVISION ON HOW AND TO WHOM DISTRIBUTION OF  
NATO UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS CAN BE MADE. THE U.S.  
REP POINTED OUT THAT ECONADS SHOULD DEAL WITH EACH DOCUMENT  
INDIVIDUALLY AND SEEK GUIDANCE FROM CAPITALS NOT ONLY  
ON DECLASSIFICATION BUT ALSO ON ITS USE. FOR EXAMPLE,

WHILE THE COUNCIL HAD APPROVED PREPARATION OF AN UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE REPORT ON SOVIET DEFENSE EXPENDITURE, IT SPECIFIED THAT IT WAS NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS A NATO DOCUMENT. NEVERTHELESS, PUBLICATION-BY NATO PER SEE OF CERTAIN PAPERS MIGHT BE OF VALUE. BILLY AGREED AND UNDERTOOK TO SEEK GUIDANCE FROM THE SECURITY DIVISION ON THE POINTS RAISED, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE CIRCULATION OF NATO UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS.

3. THE UK REP (HULSE) REPORTED THAT IN REGARD TO ED/EC/77/2 HIS AUTHORITIES SUGGESTED THAT (A) IN THE LAST LINE OF PARA. 7, "OR 6 PERCENT" BE DELETED. (B) IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 18, "HALF" BE INSERTED IN PLACE OF "MOST" SENTENCE WOULD THEN READ: "...BECAUSE HALF OF IT IS MADE UP OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES." (C) IN PARA 26, THE SECOND SENTENCE "THIS IS BORNE...SPENDING." BE DELETED. THE US REP RECALLED THAT THIS DELETION IN PARA 26 HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED. BILLY AGREED AND SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DELETED.

4. NO DECISION WAS MADE ON THE DECLASSIFICATION OF THE DOCUMENTS MENTIONED IN ITEM IV OF THE AGENDA (REF C).

5. IT WAS CLEAR FROM JAN. 28 DISCUSSION THAT CIRCULATION OF ED/EC/77/2 HAS REMAINED WITHIN OFFICIAL CHANNELS.  
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